

## **Technology Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 4, 2007**

The Technology Advisory Committee met on April 4, 2007 in City Hall, Council Chambers.

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Roll Call**

√ Chris Price – Chair

√ Mike Jamerson

√ Steve Baker

√ Mark Farr

√ Mark McHolland

√ Jeremy Carter for Jim  
Hartsook

√ Oakel Hardy

√ Georgia Miller

Invited Guests:

Also in attendance were: Brent Engle (InfoComm Systems) and Barkley Gehring (Gehring Underground).

Other Attendees:

Nancy Lynn, Assistant to Stan Gamso, Counsel, for recording purposes

#### **III. Open Issues**

##### **a) Gehring progress update –**

Barkley reported that they are in the Downtown phase. Right now they are at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets. They should have that phase done within the next two to three weeks. He said that they have roughly 3,000 feet of installation to complete. They will need 6,000 to 7,000 feet to complete the 10<sup>th</sup> Street extension. The original contract was \$73,000. It is estimated that it will be \$79,000 to \$80,000 with the extension.

With respect to the extension, Brent said that we need to make sure all change orders come in under 20% of the contract price.

Oakel said he talked with Mr. Reeves about the extension. Mr. Reeves said that he believes we have enough in the budget to pay for the extension. Discussion was had with respect to the advisability of proceeding with the extension. Oakel moved that the

Committee approve the completion of the proposed extension ,and Mark McHolland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brent asked for permission to proceed with the extension, Chris directed him to move forward with the extension. Oakel advised that Steve Ruble and the Board of Works will need to approve the extension work. Oakel stated that he would e-mail the Committee members relative to the funds available in the budget for this project.

b) Sub-committee updates – sub-committee leads

None

c) Fiber RFP progress update –

Chris reported that three vendors asked for an extension of the deadline for submission of their proposals. The decision was made to grant a four-week extension because it was in the City's best interests to get as much variety in the bids as possible. Stan Gamso wrote a resolution for the Board of Works to extending the bidding dead line.

Brent indicated that he has not received much feedback on the outstanding RFP. He reported that he received a request for demographics about City of Columbus. He directed the party to contact the City for whatever information was being requested.

Chris said he would like to hold an executive meeting before the May 10 meeting to discuss the RFP responses. The Board of Works will meet on May 1 at 10:00 A.M., and that is when the bids will be opened. The members agreed to a special meeting to review the RFP responses for Monday, May 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Chris will notify the members of the venue.

d) Wireless RFI progress update –

No questions have been received to date and the responses are due on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Once the responses are received, Brent will put together a summary for presentation at the next TAC meeting, presently scheduled for May 10. He will send it to Chris and Mike to compare with what they receive.

#### IV. Approval of minutes from March meeting –

The Committee reviewed the amended minutes from the February meeting.

Mike suggested one change to the first page of the February minutes on the update where it speaks of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street route on the 4<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom. It reads “crossing 10<sup>th</sup> street/Central to get to the hospital.” He suggested that the phrase “to get

to the hospital” be struck. Mark Farr so moved for approval of the February Minutes, Oakel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the March minutes, Georgia suggested that in Section III. c) the first paragraph be retained but the next two paragraphs be deleted.

Mike pointed out that in the second line of Section V. a) a zero is used for Oakel’s name instead of an “O”.

Mike moved to approve the March minutes as amended and Mark Farr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### V. New Business

There was a discussion of the schedules for opening and reviewing RFP’s and RFI’s and whether summaries would be available for the Committee to address at the May 10 meeting. Chris said that schedule will depend on the complexity of the responses and the dollar amounts. Because we asked for creative solutions, it may be a tough decision. There will probably be discussions with vendors.

Oakel said that Stan Gamso reported that he and Tim Coriden, City attorney, discussed the existing TAC ordinance. It was general in nature and will have to be re-written to include a broader scope for TAC.

There was a general discussion about a request by the Connected Community Project for additional funding. The Committee agreed that since they had no authority to review grant requests or recommend them, the Connected Community Project should make its request to the City Counsel or Board of Works.

Mike said that Bill Martin and Dr. Quick have been speaking about wireless canopy location. It came to their attention because they suggested using Columbus North as a wireless canopy location. They have already purchased the equipment. Jeremy Carter said the question is whether they can put it on top of Columbus North. There will be 5 to 6 hot spots through the City. The wireless equipment is Motorola.

#### VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 P.M.